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ELECTION, Tuesday, November 7, 1916.

Republican National Ticket

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S. R. HARRISON, Jr., of Clarksburg.

JOHN MOORE, of Bridgeport.

GEORGE W. STURM, of West Milford.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1916.

An Evening Echo.

Even in the anxieties of life, when we are like pilgrims walking with

peas in our shoes, still there is the

scent of flowers, the song of birds,

and the sweet light of heaven about

our path.—GREY.

State Convention.

Fairmont lodges will be represented

by a large delegation at the grand

lodge convention of Knights of Pyth-

as, which convenes in Huntington

August 29 and continues for three

days. The Frederick hotel will be

headquarters for the grand lodge

convention, while the grand temple

will meet in the rooms of the

Huntington lodge.

On the third day of the convention

a mammoth parade, in which all de-

partments will participate, will be

held. Prizes will be awarded to the

lodge having the largest number of

members in the and for the lodge

coming the greatest distance. This

is one of the features of the conven-

tion and is being looked forward to

with much interest.

Daily Products and the War.

One of the minor factors in the

foreign trade of the last year was

that of daily products. While the

total doesn't loom large in compar-

ison with the aggregate, only \$24,-

000,000 as against some six and a

half billions, it is significant, says

the Omaha Bee, as showing the pos-

law in one of his messages to an

extra session of the legislature.

"Only 162 labor laws have been

enacted in this state since its erec-

tion in 1777—in 133 years. One-

third of these, exceeding in quality all

of the others, have been enacted and

signed during Governor Hughes' term

of three years and nine months."

Not on the Square.

Are the Democrats on the square

with the tariff commission proposal

incorporated in their new revenue

bill? All their previous actions

would indicate they were not. If the

Democrats sincerely favored a tariff

commission they need not have leg-

islated out of existence the non-part-

isan tariff board started under the

preceding Republican administration.

If the old tariff board did not suit

them, the Democrats could easily

have reconstituted it when they en-

acted their Underwood tariff law. Yet

they not only did nothing of the kind

but they continued to discountenance

and discredit the idea of tariff mak-

ing by advice of non-partisan experts

until now, when they suddenly make

revelation in the belief that they can

political capital by pretending to fa-

vor the tariff commission plan.

That it is all mere pretense we now

have the proof in the boost given the

new revenue measure in Mr. Bryan's

Commoner over his name. "The tariff

commission," he says, "pleases a

certain element and does no harm.

Its tendency is to postpone a change

in rates and that is at present desir-

able." Mr. Bryan here lets the cat

out of the bag for, if "it pleases a

certain element and does no harm,"

it is intended to do no good. Its pur-

pose is, as he confesses, merely to pro-

vide an excuse for delay and to fool

the people into thinking that they are

to have scientific tariff revision from

the Democrats. No fairly informed

person can be convinced that a tariff

will build up American industries

in all parts of the country is at-

tainable through a political party

wholly sectional in its control and

interests as is the South-Atlantic

Democratic party. The only way to

get an effective tariff commission is

by restoring the Republicans to power.

Ready for Remission.

Letters and advertising matter are

being mailed to all lodges of Odd

Fellows calling their attention to the

fact that the Maryland-West Virginia

reunion of the order will be held at

Mountain Lake Park, Md., on Satur-

day, August 26.

This is the reunion that was to have

been held July 22, but on account of

the movement of troops to the bor-

der, it was necessary to postpone it

until a later date. The railroad com-

pany has notified the committee that

the shortage of cars is now over, and

they are now prepared to furnish the

necessary equipment. There will be

special trains and very low rates from

Wheeling, Parkersburg, Morgantown,

Buckhannon, Weston, Belington

and Martinsburg, W. Va., and

Cumberland and Frostburg, Md.,

and all intermediate stations. Infor-

mation regarding trains and rates may

be obtained from Baltimore and

Ohio ticket agents.

Keen disappointment was mani-

fested when it was announced that

the reunion was to be postponed, but

the fact that the railroad company

has now guaranteed cars will mean

that there will be much activity in

the ranks of Odd Fellows throughout

the section covered by the excursion.

The committee appointed by the

grand lodge of both states having

the matter in charge is composed of

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Another ten cent reduction in the

Kansas-Oklahoma crude oil market

last Tuesday brings the quotation of

that grade to ninety-five cents, mak-

ing a total reduction of sixty cents a

barrel since July 24. Since July 29

the eastern crude market has been

reduced four times, aggregating

thirty cents. The last reduction in

the mid-continent portends another

readjustment in the credit balance

market in the eastern fields. The pre-

vious declines have not had a gen-

eral depressing effect on the field

work in the eastern fields, but the

market is now approaching the point

where operators will hesitate before

starting any great amount of new

work.

All late reports from the mid-con-

tinent field point to a curtailment of

development work. It was the great

scramble for new production when

the market was high that brought

about the decline in the crude mar-

ket and a loss of more than forty

per cent in the market value of the

product. At the moment the mid-

continent and coastal fields domi-

nate the situation to a very large

extent. At the present time the

production of the eastern fields

is not much in excess of consumption,

but it is not likely to be able to with-

stand the pressure of a difference of

\$1.35 a barrel.

Light Wells in Eastern Fields.

The result of development work in

the eastern fields is not such as to

attract a great deal of attention.

Light wells are the rule in all sec-

tions under development. The shal-

low sand districts are holding the

lead in completed and new work start-

ing. In McKim district, Pleasant

county, W. Va., the Otto Oil Com-

pany drilled its No. 33 on the M. E.

Holdren farm through the Cow Run

sand and it is a five-barrel pump-

er in the Cow Run sand. The Chart-

ers Valley Oil Company's second test

on the W. H. Shingleton farm is a

duster in the same formation.

In Union district, Pleasant coun-

ty, Taylor and White have now

drilled their test on the D. E. Fells

farm through the Big Injun sand, it

is dry in that and all upper forma-

tions. On Big Elk creek, Sardis dis-

trict, Harrison county, the South

Penn Oil Company's No. 3 on the T.

P. Ogden farm was plugged below

the Big Dunkard sand, given a shot

in that formation and shows for a

ten-barrel pump.

On Leeson run, one and one-half

miles south of production, the Car-

negie Natural Gas Company's test on

the Broadwater farm, located on

Cabin run, is a gasser in the Big In-

jun sand and has a capacity of 7,-

000,000 cubic feet a day. On Miller's

run, Spencer district, Boone county,

the South Penn Oil Company has

started to drill a test on the J. W.

Prince farm.

Boone County Completions.

On Laurel run, Spencer district,

Boone county, the Wayland Oil and

Gas Company drilled No. 3 on the A.

J. Waggoner farm through the Big

Injun sand and it is showing for a

five-barrel pump. The South Penn

Oil Company got one of the same

a good many wells of small caliber.

Near Roseville, Brush Creek town-

ship, Muskingum county, the Clay Oil

and Gas Company drilled No. 4 on

the Armstrong farm through the

Berea grit. It is a five-barrel pump-

er in that formation. Near Wood-

field, Center township, Monroe coun-

ty, the Craig Farm Oil Company

drilled No. 13 on the Craig farm

through the Keener sand and it is

showing to be a small producer.

In the Cow Run district, Lawrence

township, Washington county, E. E.

Knowlton and Company completed

their second test on the Dye farm

and secured a light pump in the

first Cow Run sand. S. E. Edwards

and Company got one of the same

kind at a second test on the Agnes

Fay farm. In Independence township

the Moffatt Oil Company is starting

a well on the Smith farm and drill-

ing No. 4 on the H. H. Hume farm.

Deep Sand Territory.

Some of the late completions in

the deep sand territory are holding

up very creditably. In Ward town-

ship, Hooking county, the Fisher Oil

Company's No. 1, J. W. Bryan, is

producing ninety barrels a day. In

the Junction City district, Murphy,

Murray and Company's No. 2, P. J.

Smith, sixty-one barrels, and in Je-

ferson township, Knox county, the

Forling Drilling Company's test on

the E. W. Robinson farm, forty bar-

rels. In the Bremen district, Rush

township, Fairfield county, Twine

Irish and Dufield are starting a test

on the Mrs. E. Rutherford farm, lo-

cated 900 feet northeast of the Car-

ter Oil Company's production on the

Ross Householder farm.

Southwest Pennsylvania.

In East Finley township, Washing-

ton county, the Freehold Oil and Gas

Company completed and shot in the

Fourth sand its test on the Albert

Montgomery farm and it shows for a